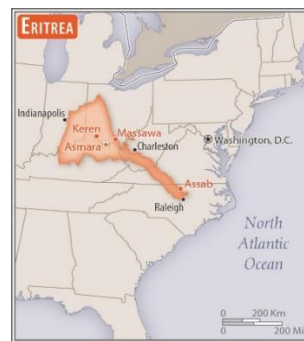




ERITREA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President ISAIAS Afwerki

Head of Government

President ISAIAS Afwerki

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Asmara

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (Hagerawi Baito) (150 seats; 5-year terms)

Judiciary

High Court (consists of 20 judges and organized into civil, commercial, criminal, labor, administrative, and customary sections)

Ambassador to US

Charge d'Affaires BERHANE Gebrehiwet Solomon

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Natalie E. BROWN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 117,600 sq km
Land: 101,000 sq km
Water: 16,600 sq km

Climate

hot, dry desert strip along Red Sea coast; cooler and wetter in the central highlands (up to 61 cm of rainfall annually, heaviest June to September); semiarid in western hills and lowlands

Natural Resources

gold, potash, zinc, copper, salt, possibly oil and natural gas, fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

command economy with few large private enterprises; nearly 80% of the population is engaged in subsistence agriculture, although mining accounts for most of the total economic output; erratic rainfall and the large percentage of the labor force tied up in military service interferes with agricultural production and economic development

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$9.4 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,600 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$624 million (2017 est.)
partners: China 62%, South Korea 28% (2017)

Imports

\$1.13 billion (2017 est.)
partners: UAE 14.5%, China 13.2%, Saudi Arabia 13.2%, Italy 12.9%, Turkey 5.6%, South Africa 4.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.89% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

Tigrinya 55%, Tigre 30%, Saho 4%, Kunama 2%, Rashaida 2%, Bilen 2%, other (Afar, Beni Amir, Nera) 5% (2010 est.)

Language

Tigrinya (official), Arabic (official), English (official), Tigre, Kunama, Afar, other Cushitic languages

Religion

Sunni Muslim, Coptic Christian, Roman Catholic, Protestant

Urbanization

urban population: 40.7% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 3.86% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

73.8% (2015)

